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"The Wings of Task Force Eagle"

## News Briefs



The U. S. Air Force entered its 50th year as a separate military service at midnight Wednesday. See page 2 for a message from our AF leaders.

### Picnic games

Teams and individuals interested in participating in games during the upcoming Air Force Picnic must sign up by Sept. 27. The picnic is scheduled for Sept. 29.

People and teams can compete in volleyball, basketball, spades and horseshoes. For team rosters, include the unit, team members' names and ranks.

Airman 1st Class Bronelle Howard will pick the rosters up Sept. 27 on the mail run. If individuals or teams complete their rosters before then, they may hand them to the postal clerk on the distribution run that day.

You may change team rosters only in the case of newcomers arriving between Sept. 27 and Sept. 29.

### Chess club

A weekly meeting of those interested in learning and playing chess will begin Thursday. The gatherings are scheduled to be held between 7:30 and 9 p.m. in the PERSCO lounge. Call Senior Airman Reid Basso at extension 135 for more information.

## Task Force Eagle Totals



Scheduled:	4,066
Total flown:	3,456
Inbound passengers:	30,267
Cargo (short tons):	30,120
Vehicles:	1,307
Patients medevaced:	675

flight figures current as of Sept. 18, 1996  
medevac figures current as of Sept. 20, 1996

# Combat Dining-In a splashing success

by Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Land

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Almost 200 camouflaged faces, covered with foliage-adorned helmets, poked out from beneath the cots which served as low-crawling entrances to the 4100th Group's Dining-In Tuesday. But by the wingding's end, spirits were high and attendee's smiles couldn't be concealed.

The gathering provided an environment for camaraderie, and commemorated the Air Force's 49th birthday. The Air Force celebrated its 49th year as a separate service Wednesday. A table was also set to honor and remember those comrades who could not be with the evening's participants, those prisoners of war and missing in action. (See Page 2 for messages from the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff).

***"It's a good opportunity to meet everybody and to see the faces of those you're talking with on the radio and working with everyday."***

"It does a lot for morale," said Master Sgt. David A. Murphy, Top 4 President, of the event's purpose. "It's a good opportunity to meet everybody and to see the faces of those you're talking with on the radio and working with everyday."

While obstacles were the foes of note this night, it was a good time which prevailed in the end. "It was my first one. I went and it was a lot of fun; especially for someone who hasn't been to one before," said Staff Sgt. Juan Galvez.

The centerpiece was the obstacle course through which one had to maneuver to reach the Grog Bowl—as if it were a reward for the



### Mmmm, and Alcohol Free

This concoction lacked alcohol, but had plenty of other surprises mixed in.

effort — which was located at the foot of the head table. The trek included two barricades, a covered "trench", and a water course with swinging sandbags.

Then there was the "incidental" matter of incoming "fire." The ammunition of choice was water; its delivery method varied.

For some, it was the high-powered, pump-action water rifle. For others, it was water "grenades." And yet others lobbed drenched pieces of bread. Add to that the late-developing use of shaving cream and you have the rather messy picture of the fun the evening provided.

In addition to the eventful trips to the grog bowl were a kidnapping of the President of the Mess, with a demand by his captors for a carrier-landing by Lt. Col. Bruce Davis, the President's vice; a lights-out food "battle royal," many local food "skirmishes"; and a hilarious skit about a morning PT program with an Army drill sergeant.

Guest speaker and 4100th Group commander Col. Paul R. Cooper shared from his wealth of Air Force experience, more than 30 years, and wisdom on the occasion of the service's birthday.

He presented lessons which he said he

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## Air Force's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Year

# First event honors service's past, present, future

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force's past, present and future were honored and the service's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Year was heralded at the Arlington National Cemetery hilltop burial site of Gen. Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold early Sept. 16.

The event was the first of many coast-to-coast events that will lead up to the Air Force's 50th birthday as a separate service Sept. 18, 1997. The theme for the 50th anniversary celebration is "Your Nation's Air Force — Golden Legacy, Boundless Future."

During remarks delivered to the Air Force Association's National Convention in Washington Sept. 18, Air Force Secretary Sheila E. Widnall said, "Over the year to come, we will celebrate our legacy across America. All of us can take part. All of us should take part — because beyond the joy of the occasion, this is an opportunity to deepen America's appreciation for the contributions that the Air Force has made toward sustaining our security and our freedoms."

"And it gives us all an opportunity to strengthen our pride in the Air Force — to deepen our understanding of its capabilities



AFNS Courtesy photo

## Remembering General Arnold

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, and Cadet Brig. Gen. Melissa K. Bales, national commander, Arnold Air Society, place a wreath at the Arlington National Cemetery hilltop burial site of Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold. The Air Force's past, present and future were honored at the 50th Anniversary Commemoration.

and contribution to this nation — and to renew our commitment to building on our golden legacy as we construct our boundless future," Widnall said.

"The future is indeed boundless. It is limited only by our imaginations."

During her speech, Widnall discussed the Air Force legacy from C-54s delivering

food and supplies into Berlin at the beginning of the Cold War to F-117's reaching into the heart of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War. "And the image is equally clear, of the people ... who provide the enormous range of expertise necessary to keep our force fit

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# Leaders remember American POW/MIA patriots

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The following message is from Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman:

Today, National Prisoner of War Missing in Action Day, is a very special day of remembrance for our nation. On this day, we pay tribute to the American men and women who forfeited freedom and comfort, and many who gave their lives, so that others may remain free.

Our entire nation — especially members of our Air Force family — honors these patriots. At the same time, we salute their



Staff Sgt. Gregory Stauffer raises the POW/MIA flag over the air traffic control tower.

families. Their patience and perseverance to determine the full story concerning those missing in action and drive to repatriate prisoners of war, serve to remind us that the search for the missing must not end until all are accounted for.

Our Air Force POWs and MIAs, as well as those from our sister services, are a source of inspiration

to us all. Keeping alive the memory of their dedicated service and sacrifices of their families remind us why they served this great nation and inspires us to emulate their spirit. Their service to country above self was most patriotic; their sacrifice most profound.

Let us pause during this national time of remembrance to salute the extraordinary service of all airpower pioneers who paved the way for the Air Force of the 21st century, and especially pay tribute to our former prisoners of war and recognize the continuing efforts of our nation to account for those missing in action.



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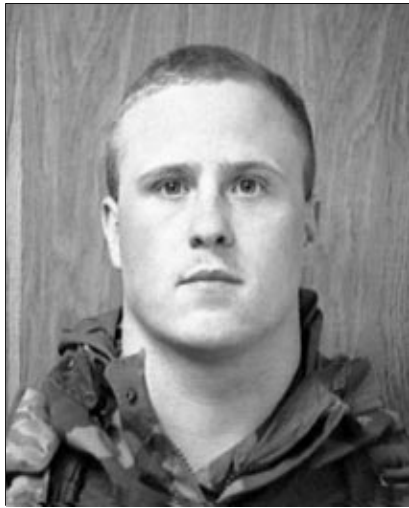
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**Time at Tuzla:** 2 months

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**Hobbies:** Weightlifting and softball

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Out of the military working for the Pennsylvania State Police Department. Happily married with two children.

**What do you like most about Tuzla?** It has given me a chance to work in a real world contingency that's helping a country with its democratic government and restoring peace.

**What do you like least about Tuzla?** Living in tent city and being away from my wife.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rodney Jones, 1st Combat Camera

## Welcome?

This is one of the in-famous sights in Air Force Country, Tent City 2. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal team has designed the front porch of their little "Home Away from Home" to warn anyone who may stray toward their tent.

## Hispanic Heritage celebration set for Friday

The first Task Force Eagle celebration scheduled to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 27.

The month-long recognition of the important contributions and roles of Hispanics started Sunday and runs through Oct. 15.

The "opening ceremony" begins at 7 p.m. at "Club 21." The evening will

include a guest speaker, Felix Vargax, political advisor; at 7:15 p.m. There will also be food, drinks, music, and games, to include limbo, planeros, and piñatas.

Air Force members interested in assisting with food preparation for the celebration can call Tech. Sgt. Hector Bosques at ext. 149, or Staff Sgt. Hiram Binuchi at ext. 132.

## Dining-In

hoped would help its hearers be better people, airmen and leaders.

"This way you can learn from my past and apply it to your future," he told the audience.

The colonel made seven points of leadership in his speech:

- 1) Set goals, short, medium and long
- 2) Get as much education as possible, formal and otherwise, he said, citing the Combat Readiness Training as one additional way one can learn
- 3) Work hard; be an expert at your subject
- 4) Ask for increased responsibility, and



The skit by 4100th Group's finest was a real hit with the almost 200 person crowd.

its corollary, accept all challenges — seek the opportunity to excel

5) Be a mentor

6) Learn from your leaders by watching them closely. Important lessons he said he learned through this process are integrity, which leads to trust; empowerment; attention to detail; and how to ask the right questions

7) Persevere — don't give up. When needed, redouble your efforts.

It would, of course, be a "Point of Order" if those who made the event such a success were not recognized.

Although the event started with a committee of about eight people, said Murphy, "There probably wasn't a single person who didn't make this happen. The thing that impressed me most, is the fact that there are so many people who work together to form one cohesive unit. It's unlike I've ever seen before. It's exciting to work with those kind of people."



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and strong.”

Though the Air Force has a proud legacy, Widnall said, one of the service’s unique strengths is that “we spend much more time looking ahead than we do looking back.”

She detailed aspects of the service’s time-phased modernization plan — the C-17 in the near-term; completion of the conventional bomber upgrade in the mid-term; and to modernize theater forces in the long-term to bring on the F-22 and the Joint Strike Fighter. Widnall also highlighted the Air Force’s role in operations around the world.

“No one here needs a detailed review of the role we have played over the past years, in building a safer world,” Widnall said. “Neither do we need to review the threats that remain.

“The events of the past month have provided a vivid reminder that there are still dangerous players in the international community — and that the Air Force’s proven global power can play a central role in constraining those players.

“But I think that sometimes people miss the whole story,” she said. “Our impact around the world is sometimes spectacular — sometimes it’s headline news, splashed over front pages and news reports around the clock. But more often, our people perform their missions in quiet, away from the glare of publicity — and it seems clear to me that this quiet, steady work will ultimately have at least as profound effect on our world as our more spectacular feats.”

The secretary also addressed Joint Vision 2010, recently published by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John M. Shalikashvili. JV2010 “defines a pathway for the U.S. military,” Widnall said. “It outlines a broad framework for understanding joint warfare in the decades to come — and it builds a common understanding as we shape our service contributions to the joint forces of the future.

“Our contributions to the operational concept outlined by the chairman — to the high-tempo, precision-oriented, information-intensive framework outlined in JV2010 will be obvious to anyone familiar with the style of warfare that our air forces have conducted for decades,” she said.

Continued efforts in this regard are evident in continued efforts to provide

commanders with talented people and quality equipment “that have been our hallmark for decades,” she said.

In the past year, “huge strides” in those areas have included a central selection process for colonel-level commanders and the institution of the 1-plus-1 dormitory building standard for enlisted people, Widnall said.

“But we are looking beyond 2010, to still more distant horizons, shining a light into the future to begin designing the Air Force this nation will need 30 years from now,” Widnall said.

“And in the next month, the Air Force’s leadership will chart that path into the decades ahead as we culminate the Air Force’s year-long long-range planning effort. We are ready to step up to the toughest possible challenge — of getting away from the in-basket, of getting away from today’s problems, to define a goal decades away, and begin to mobilize resources toward reaching it.”

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The future, present and past were the central elements of the Sept. 16 ceremony at Arlington, which featured prepared remarks delivered by Widnall, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force David J. Campanale.

Dozens of dignitaries were among the 500 or so who were present, including Arnold’s grandson, Robert Bruce Arnold; Medal of Honor recipient and former Air Force NCO John L. Levitow; and the Air Force’s 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 1996.

Campanale spoke first and addressed the legacy of those who have served in the past.

They “had great cause to live for and they passed on to us a legacy; a legacy that should allow us to reflect during this 50th anniversary

of our great United States Air Force to never forget the contributions of the past because their cause is the legacy that we have for the future.”

After he spoke, Campanale and Levitow laid a red wreath — symbolizing the past — at Arnold’s headstone.

Fogleman then paid tribute to the modern day Air Force, but he began with a tribute to Arnold, who was the Air Force’s only five-star general.

“You would think that somehow there would be a great monument to him, but in fact he insisted that he be buried with the same type of gravestone that marks the graves of the common airmen, the common soldier, the common Marine or sailor,” Fogleman said. He added poignantly, “Recognizing that in fact, there’s nothing common about any of them.

“So, as we mark the beginning of our celebration of the Air Force’s 50th anniversary, I think it’s only fitting that we pause and pay tribute to General “Hap” Arnold, first among our founding fathers,” Fogleman said. “It was through his drive and vision that our Air Force was really founded.

“I would hope that as General Arnold looks down on the United States Air Force today, that he’s pleased with what he sees. We provide America with the ability to be globally engaged through our long range lethal combat power, our strategic mobility, our global awareness that comes from space assets and our theater air dominance.

“I hope we have fulfilled and even, perhaps, surpassed the vision that General Arnold had for our Air Force because we truly are the world’s most respected air and space force.”

Fogleman and Staff Sgt. Shilette Addison, one of the Air Force’s 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year, then laid a white wreath — symbolic of the present — at Arnold’s headstone.

Widnall spoke of the future and emphasized the importance of carrying on Arnold’s commitment “to build the finest Air Force on earth.”

“To achieve this mission, we must sharply focus our goals and our resources over the next 50 years,” Widnall said. “The quality of

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## News Briefs

### Birthdays

"Happy Birthday!" to everyone assigned to the 4100th Group who both celebrated a birthday last week, and who will do so this week!

Last week, **Master Sgt. Michael Moll** celebrated his birthday Sept. 13. **Capt. John Melloy** had a birthday Saturday. **Staff Sgt. Charles Taber** and **Senior Airman Brian Egger's** birthdays were Sunday. **Airman First Class Daniel Larsen** had a birthday Wednesday, and **Senior Airman Richard Toporek** celebrated his day of birth yesterday.

**Staff Sergeants Robert Blevins** and **Charles Toelle**, and **Airman 1st Class Joseph McCarter** have a birthday tomorrow. **Airman Mary Jane Holzmänn's** birthday is Sunday. Tuesday, **Staff Sgt. Mark Mullen** will celebrate his birthday, and **Senior Airman Bradley Balentine's** day is Thursday.

### Nicotine cessation

A smoking cessation class is scheduled to begin Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call Senior Airman Reid Basso at extension 135.

### Holiday mailing

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (UNS)** — Officials with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron have announced the 1996 holiday mailing deadlines for mail to and from overseas post offices.

### Clip n' save

Deadlines for mail from European military post offices to addresses in the continental United States are:

- Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 22
- Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL): Dec. 2
- Priority Parcels: Dec. 11
- First Class Letters: Dec. 11
- Express Mail: Dec. 20

Deadlines for mail sent from stateside mailers to European APOs are:

- Surface: Nov. 1
- Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 22
- Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL): Nov. 22
- Priority Parcels: Dec. 2
- First Class Letters: Dec. 2
- Express Mail: Dec. 21

## Tuzla Main Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Mass

Monday - Friday	noon	Mass
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Recitation of the Rosary
Saturday	7 p.m.	Mass <i>Confessions are heard 30 minutes before weekend services</i>
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass
	10 a.m.	Mass

### Protestant Worship Services

Sunday	9 a.m.	Traditional worship
	11 a.m.	General worship
	11 a.m.	Worship in the HQ building
	2 p.m.	Gospel service
	7 p.m.	Evening worship

### Lutheran Worship Services

Sunday	5:30 p.m.
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### Jewish Worship Services

First Friday	7 p.m.
First Saturday	9:30 a.m.

### Latter Day Saints

Sunday	noon	Worship
	1 p.m.	Sunday school
Monday	8 p.m.	Family night

### Bible study and prayer meeting

Monday	7 p.m.	Bible study
Monday	8 p.m.	Promise Keepers
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Gospel Bible study
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Prayer meeting
Wednesday	8 p.m.	Christian movie
Friday	7 p.m.	Bible study
Sunday	8:15 p.m.	Movie

### Islamic services

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Jummah prayers
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**For more information on Chapel activities call MSE 558-5665 or 557-0119.**

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our training and facilities must attract the finest, most dedicated people. We must provide them, and their families, with an environment of support and good will.

"Skilled maintainers and operators will work with the most advanced systems available. We will link together platforms of the air with those in space to give our troops unparalleled ability to see what is unfolding around them.

"We will, by virtue of the patriotism, dedication and intelligence of every member of the Air Force team, continue to be the

world's premier air and space force."

Widnall and Cadet Brig. Gen. Melissa K. Bales, National Commander of the Arnold Air Society, laid a blue future wreath, at Arnold's headstone.

Then, to honor spouses and family members, Miss Jane Fogleman, wife of the Air Force chief of staff, and Kathy McCoy, wife of Air Force Association chairman of the board — and former CMSAF — James M. McCoy, laid a bouquet at the nearby headstone of Arnold's wife, Eleanor.

Moments later, as members of the U.S. Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base played a soft melody, four F-15C's from the

71st Fighter Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Va., passed in formation directly overhead.

After all the participants had departed, Arnold's grandson reflected on the past, present and future aspects of the ceremony.

"I thought it was a wonderful ceremony and it was really, really, really touching that you all remember us and invited us here today," Arnold said.

"My grandfather would have been very pleased to have been remembered as part of the past. But he also would want to know, 'What's new? What are you up to? Where are you going?'"